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SUBJECT : BANGLADESH TRADE WITH CUBA AND VIETNAM

REFS : A) DACCA 1390; B) STATE 063270

1. ON APRIL 2, MR. WALIUR RAHMAN, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), ASKED ECONOMIC COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY TO ADVISE WHETHER TRADING WITH CUBA AND/OR VIETNAM WOULD RENDER BANGLADESH INELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER PL-480 AND/OR FAA. IN ABSENCE OF BOTH ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND REGIONAL LEGAL ADVISOR FROM COUNTRY, USAID DEPUTY PROGRAM OFFICER DISCUSSED MATTER WITH MR. RAHMAN ON APRIL 4. REFTELS DEALT WITH POSSIBLE TRADE WITH NORTH KOREA.

2. MR. RAHMAN WAS INFORMED:

A. U.S. LAWS VIS-A-VIS TRADING WITH CUBA ARE QUITE CLEAR. ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FAA (SECTION 620(A)) IS PROHIBITED TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH FAILS QUOTE TO PREVENT SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT UNDER ITS REGISTRY FROM TRANSPORTING TO CUBA. ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR COMMODITIES SO LONG AS CUBA IS GOVERNED BY THE CASTRO REGIME UNQUOTE. PL-480 (SEC-UNCLASSIFIED

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TION 103(D) PROHIBITS SALES UNDER TITLE I TO QUOTE ANY NATION WHICH SELLS OR FURNISHES OR PERMITS SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT UNDER ITS REGISTRY TO TRANSPORT TO OR FROM CUBA UNQUOTE. SINCE PRESIDENTIAL WAIVER OF SECTION (103(D) OF PL-480 WAS GRANTED IN 1976, BANGLADESH REMAINS ELIGIBLE FOR PL-480 ASSISTANCE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IT TRADES

WITH CUBA OR NOT. SECTION (620(A) OF THE FAA
ONLY COMES INTO FORCE IF SHIPS OR PLANES UNDER
BANGLADESH REGISTRY ARE INVOLVED.

B. THE SITUATION VIS-A-VIS VIETNAM IS NOT AS CLEAR.
UNDER SECTION 103(D) OF PL-480 PROHIBITION AGAINST
TRADE WITH VIETNAM IS THE SAME AS THOSE FOR CUBA.
SECTION 620(N) OF FAA, HOWEVER, PROHIBITS ASSIS-
TANCE UNDER BOTH THE FAA AND PL-480 TITLE I SALES
TO ANY NATION WHICH QUOTE SELLS OR FURNISHES TO
NORTH VIETNAM, OR WHICH PERMITS SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT
UNDER ITS REGISTRY TO TRANSPORT TO OR FROM NORTH
VIETNAM, ANY EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, OR COMMODITIES,
SO LONG AS THE REGIME IN NORTH VIETNAM GIVES
SUPPORT TO THE HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM UN-
QUOTE. INASMUCH AS THE HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIET-
NAM HAVE CEASED, SECTION 620(N) WOULD APPEAR TO BE
NO LONGER RELEVANT, YET IT REMAINS PART OF THE FAA.
IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NO SIMILAR PROVISIO UNDER
PL-480, SECTION 103(D), SO TRADE WITH VIETNAM
WOULD MAKE BANGLADESH INELIGIBLE FOR TITLE I
SALES IN ANY CASE.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF INTENT OF SECTION 620(N)
OF FAA AS WELL AS CONFIRMATION OF OUR INTERPRETATION OF LEG-
ISLATION AS STATED ABOVE. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEFINITIVE
LIST OF COUNTRIES WITH WHICH BANGLADESH MAY NOT REPEAT NOT
TRADE AND REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FAA (EX-
CLUDING DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE), PL-480 TITLE I AND
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